

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 have been examined. Claims 1-3 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and claims 6, 7, 10 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Also, the Examiner has indicated that claims 11-16 are allowed and claims 4, 5, 8, 9 and 17 contain allowable subject matter but are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

**I. Preliminary Matter**

Applicant has amended claims 1, 6 and 11 for clarification reasons.

**II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0027635 to Sakamaki et al. (“Sakamaki”)**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Sakamaki.

**A. Claim 1**

By this Amendment, Applicant has incorporated allowable claim 4 into claim 1. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 1 is now moot.

**B. Claims 2 and 3**

Applicant submits that claims 2 and 3 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

**C. Claim 18**

Applicant submits that claim 18 is patentable at least by virtue of its incorporation of the features of claim 1.

**II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of U.S. Publication No. 2003/0210455 to Tseng et al. (“Tseng”)**

The Examiner has rejected claims 6, 7, 10 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Tseng.

**A. Claim 6**

By this Amendment, Applicant has incorporated allowable claim 9 into claim 6. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 6 is now moot.

**B. Claims 7 and 10**

Applicant submits that claims 7 and 10 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

**C. Claim 18**

Claim 18 is dependent upon claim 1 which was not rejected in view of Tseng. Accordingly, the inclusion of claim 18 in the present rejection is in error. Nevertheless, Applicant submits that claim 18 is patentable at least by virtue of its incorporation of the features of claim 1.

### **III. Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner has indicated that claims 11-16 are allowed and claims 4, 5, 8, 9 and 17 contain allowable subject matter but are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Since claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1 and claim 9 has been incorporated into claim 6, Applicant has canceled claims 4 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

### **IV. Newly Added Claims**

By this Amendment, Applicant has added new claims 19-22 to provide more varied protection of the present invention.

### **V. Conclusion**

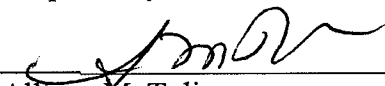
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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